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Three Great Allied Forces Swarming Into Italy:

The Real Battle Is About To Begin

WORK ARMIES PREPARE FOR APPLES DRIVE

AS ALLIED TROOPS SWARMED INLAND INTO ITALY, OVER THE MOUNTAINS NEAR THE COAST SOUTH OF SALERNO, NORTHWARDS FROM THE GULF OF TARANTO, AND WESTWARDS FROM THE LOWER PART OF THE ADRIATIC COAST, NEWS REACHED LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT THE FIFTH ARMY, UNDER GENERAL MARK CLARK, WAS PREPARING A NEW OFFENSIVE, OBVIOUSLY AGAINST NAPLES.

It came from *Relman Morin*, representing the *Combined Press*, who said: "The strong, aggressive and exceedingly well-armed German forces are obviously determined to fight for every inch of Italy."

Lionel Shapiro, representing the *Canadian Press*, cabled last night: "The Germans definitely conceded defeat this (Saturday) morning when Allied overnight patrol reported a concentrated withdrawal of all the German forces south of the Sele river."

BERLIN ADMITS ALLIED SUPERIORITY

Big New Forces Landed

AMERICAN superiority in numbers and materials over the Nazis between Salerno and yesterday by the *German Overseas News Service*—a tribute to the magnitude of the Allied supply and landing operation is working.

The report added that General Mark Clark's land forces were being supported by ceaseless bombing from the air and by heavy bombardments from Allied warships.

The *German communiqué* also stated that "particularly in the south-eastern sector of the front fighting with newly landed superior enemy forces has increased."

Later the *German News Agency* said: "Montgomery's endeavours to close in on the battlefield from the south have so far been hampered by the very unfavourable terrain and by the stubborn resistance of the German front-line troops."

"It may be assumed that he will bring up reinforcements by sea. Air reconnaissance has established that new convoys are on their way and that further units are being landed in the harbour of Salerno."—*Reuter and B.U.P.*

HITLER CURBED BY HIS STAFF

German frontier staff. There are strong indications from Germany that Hitler is now virtually a prisoner of the German General Staff.

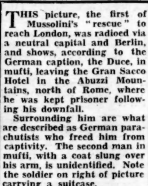
From quarters known to be reliable have come reports that the leading German generals have refused to prevent Hitler intervening in any way with military affairs, although, as yet, they have done nothing to limit his powers.—*B.U.P.*



The People

Russians weeping On Towards Kiev

BY HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT



THIS picture, the first of Mussolini's "rescue" to reach London, was radiated via a neutral capital and Berlin, and shows, according to the German caption, the three, in mid-July, leaving the Gran Sasso Hotel in the Abruzzi Mountains, north of Rome, where he was kept prisoner following his downfall.

Surrounding him are what are described as German paratroopers who freed him from captivity. The second man in uniform, with a coat slung over his arm, is unidentified. Note the soldier on right of picture carrying a suitcase.

During September 18 our troops continued to develop their successful offensive in the Kiev direction, and advancing 12 to 15 miles, capturing 220 inhabited localities, including the town of Mirgorod.

In the Zapozhne and Melitopol directions Soviet troops successfully continued their offensive, and overcoming enemy resistance, advanced six to nine miles, occupying 110 inhabited localities, including the town and large railway station of Polotsk and the town of Nogai.

THIRD PRONG OF ATTACK

In the Dnepropetrovsk direction our troops continued their offensive, advancing 13 to 15 miles and capturing the town and large railway junction of Polotsk and more than 150 other inhabited localities.

In the Poltava and Krasnodar directions our troops advanced 11 to 15 miles and occupied over 100 inhabited localities.

Our troops in the area south-west of Novozovod-Seversk advanced 9 to 12 miles and occupied over 50 inhabited localities to the west of the Desna river.

Our troops in the area south-west of Bryansk continued to develop their offensive and captured the district centre of the Orlov region and railway station of Zhukovka together with a number of large inhabited localities, including Pankovka, 13 miles south-west of Bryansk.

In the Smolensk and Roslavl directions our troops continued their offensive and, advancing 3 to 5 miles, captured over 50 inhabited localities.

Our troops advancing in the Kolozn and west of Novosokolovsk captured a storm number of strong centres of resistance, including Pankovka, Smolensk, Novokrymsk and Aboudzovo.

During September 17 our troops on all fronts destroyed or disabled 100 tanks and shot down 37 German planes in six days.

At Mirgorod is 40 miles north-west of Polotsk on the railway to Kiev. Its capture cuts this railway and places the Red Army 110 miles from Kiev along this line.

Polotsk, centre of the railway network east of the Dnieper bend, is 80 miles south-east of Zaporozhne and 60 miles north-east of Kiev.

Polotsk is 34 miles east of Dnepropetrovsk at the junction of the Kiev-Crimea and Soviet-bus-Kiev railways.

Nogai is 50 miles east of Melitopol on a single-track railway from Berdyansk.

The Red Army are driving forward with no fewer than eight mighty thrusts, spearheads which are splitting the German line into many sections.

The rapidity of the advance and the precipitate nature of the enemy retreat make it clear that the German High Command are anxious to get their forces back on their prepared defence before the autumn rains set in.

Even if they do this, however, they stand to suffer great losses, for their troops are badly bogged down and will fall prey to the Cossack horsemen who are well accustomed to warfare in such conditions.

THE Bryansk victory is being pressed home with all possible speed, although rain is now frequent and many of the roads are already in poor condition.

Guerillas harassing the retreating German columns have rescued 20,000 of Bryansk's citizens who were being marched off into captivity. They also played an important part in the final storming of the city.

Significantly, Soviet commentators are stressing Bryansk's links with the west and north-west—that is, with the Baltic provinces and throughout White Russia.

Less destruction than usual appears to have been done inside Bryansk itself. The Germans fired the city at several points and blew up a number of factories, but their main concern was apparently to avoid being caught in a trap.

Once again mass graves of the Germans' victims are being discovered.

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'Back To Poland' Plan HUNS MAY ABANDON RUSSIAN FRONT

Madrid, Saturday.

THE Berlin correspondent of the Spanish *Felagete* newspaper "Arriba" reported today that the Germans may abandon the Russian campaign and retire to a powerful fortified "Eastern Siegfried Line" along the Polish frontier, 600 miles from the present front.

This decision is widely reported in Berlin, the correspondent said, and would mean a complete shift of German tactics, holding a powerful defensive line from the Baltic to the Black Sea by abandoning Smolensk, Leningrad, the Crimea, the Dnieper and, if necessary, the Dnieper River line.

The Germans would thus free more troops and material to face the Allies in Italy and Western Europe, the correspondent says.

Although there have been rumours of such a plan, the fact that this article appeared under a Berlin date without one of the usual hints of "diplomatic sources," which in the past was generally believed here to refer to the possibilities of a German-Russian agreement, was of great interest.

There is no doubt that Berlin frequently uses such correspondents to clarify plans both false and true. A year ago "Arriba's" comments on Berlin's plans were considered from an Allied standpoint as decidedly dubious.

Recently, however, Spain's new neutrality has changed the tenor of correspondents' dispatches, even from Axis capitals.—*A.P.*

We Land At Rhodes

ALLIED Commando troops have landed on the island of Rhodes in the Dodecanese, said Fighting French radio station at Brazzaville, West Africa, yesterday.

MILLS-LONDON FIGHT POSTPONED

Mr. John Harding, manager of Queensberry Club, informed "The People" last night that Jack London has a fractured rib and his fight with Freddie Mills for next Wednesday has been postponed until a later date.

"I was guilty of pan-slaughter!"
SAYS MRS. CARELESS CLEANER

I just bought the first cleaner they offered me... until my pants began to wear out... and I found I couldn't replace them!



Remember, Mirro will clean your bath, sink, window and paint-work without scratching too because it actually absorbs dirt instead of scraping it off the surface. Buy a 1/2 pint canister.

MUSSO'S DULL 'COME-BACK'

Ex-Dictator's Spirit Gone

MUSSOLINI'S fifteen-minute broadcast to the Italian people last night was regarded in London as anything but a fighting "come-back."

Italian Resistance Growing

NEUTRAL sources report from Italy that resistance to the Germans is increasing daily, said *Agence Radio* yesterday.

"Railway communications between North and Central Italy seem to have been stopped. Sabotage against German lines of communication in the south is also on the increase."

Troops of the Italian partisan in Rome have been taken by the Germans to the Tivoli camp, where they are being held as prisoners of war.

Italian partisans distributed leaflets in Milan in which the Italians are called upon to fight against the German rule of force.—*Reuter.*

Fate Of Japan Is Sealed Now,

Says Chiang

SURRENDER of the Italian Fleet has sealed the fate of Japan, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at the opening of the National People's Political Congress at Chungking yesterday.

"Through more than six years' resistance China, on a 2,000-mile front, has immobilised more than 30 Japanese divisions," Chiang said.

"Now is the time to press the co-ordination of our efforts with those of our Allies by launching an all-front counter-offensive to bring our fight, for which we have made such sacrifice, to a successful conclusion."

But the closer we approach to final victory, the heavier will be our burden.—*Reuter.*

Micmac Is Canada's Biggest Yet

Micmac, tribal chief and destroyer and largest warship to be built in Canada, was launched at Halifax (Nova Scotia) yesterday. She is the 61st craft built in Canada since the war.

Micmac was christened by Mrs. MacDonald, wife of the Naval Services Minister. She is named after an ancient Indian tribe, says *Reuter.*

NO PASSENGERS ON SIMPLON LINE

Passenger traffic on the Simplon line between Brig, Switzerland and Domodossola, Italy, has been stopped since noon yesterday. Swiss Rail announced last night. Goods traffic is said to be normal.

FRENCH DETAINEES RELEASED

Algiers, Saturday.—Both Dattier, de la vagerie and Father Cordier, who had been in jail ever since the murder of Admiral Darlan, have been released.

Craters of Courage!

WHEN German bombs opened geyser craters in Oxford, London, Hitler hoped that here would blossom fruitfully the seeds of despair.

Instead, in the heart of one of the biggest craters has sprung up something which should hearten every Briton who sees it. This is the Army Emergency Exhibition, attracting thousands of visitors of all Allied nationalities daily.

Yesterday, as the guest of Lieut. Col. E. H. Tattersall, D.S.O., the Exhibition told us the mysteries and the wonders of this great war-time spectacle.

Peering into a black wooden box about 20 inches high, I saw, reproduced in miniature with astonishing realism the country targets as seen by the pilot of a bomber 10,000 ft. up.

By twisting a knob I glimpsed in turn the shattered cities of Germany and Italy. The stereoscopic sights of this instrument gave an unrivalled anchorage view of the power of the air arm.

Miner-defectors may be seen at work; visitors can even pick up mines for themselves. You see, too, the equipment needed for modern defence, from tank turrets to Valentine tanks, and from heavy guns to the smallest arms.

Small arms are a vital part of the exhibition. And thereby hangs a tale. "Small arms," said Colonel Tattersall, "Well, you'd better ask the corporal about them."

My eyes, seeking this amazing encyclopaedia of small arms, scanned for an old Swat. A veteran of many campaigns, with in his hands that touch of mechanical genius which made him as the expert.

But it was a feminine smile that lit up the features of the Corporal. She who knows more about small arms and their possibilities than any man on the site is a woman.

A member of the Ordnance branch of the A.T.S. she told me of the merits of the Bren gun, the various types of revolvers and pistols, the Sten and the Vickers 630.

REFUSED TO DON KHAKI: 3 YEARS

Private J. T. Mander, twenty-nine, of the R.E.M.E., has been sentenced to three years' penal servitude by an Aldershot court.

He was found guilty of desertion and refusing to put on his khaki.

Mander, who had been a record holder in Windsor Great Park, was arrested, was said to have told a sergeant-major who ordered him to don khaki, "I am not interested."

KING'S BIG HARVEST

The King has had a record harvest in Windsor Great Park. Over a hundred acres of corn have been reaped, double last year's.

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Mechanical Era In Coal Is Coming

ROBO-BOY WILL SON DIG YOUR COAL

A REVOLUTION has begun in Britain's coal mines, which in peace time employ 700,000 men and produce 250,000,000 tons of coal a year.

In more and more mines coal getting will in future be done by electrical machines in charge of an engineer. The only thing that is hindering this now is the difficulty of getting the machinery.

British experts are now in Britain advising, as which mines can be mechanised. Their own industry in which States is the most mechanised in the world.

Sometimes 90 per cent. of the boys going into an American pit come from high schools and have engineering ambitions.

Britain's mines of tomorrow will also have plenty of openings for the young engineer.

As the science of safety advances accidents are dwindling. Pit mistakes are now claimed to be fewer in proportion to the number of workers than they were in the early days of the industry.

Up to the end of August the number of persons killed in the mines this year was 480, compared with 608 for the same period last year. Those 188, against 1,040 last year.

Medical research is safeguarding the health of the miner as never before. Familiar ailments are being increasingly prevented, and for those who are hurt or ill rehabilitation centres, such as the Gloucester Hotel, have recently been opened, and six more will be opened soon.

Two doctors of the Ministry of Fuel, working with eight regional doctors, now supervise the policy in the pits. They are the greatest of a great health army.

Their medical officers go down the shafts, look after the first aid, and in the future, underground, and probe the inside of the miner's body.

There are extensive pit-head baths and canteens. These new trends show how swiftly the miner's life is changing, and in fashioning the future the man in the mine is now having his full say, through pit production committees on which sit an equal number of miners and management men.

They examine "bright ideas" on any topic that comes up. If only one member of a committee approves of a proposal, it will be forwarded for consideration to the Regional Controller.

6 L.M.S. STATIONS WILL DISAPPEAR

Eight hundred and forty-eight sidings, 30 bridges, 68 miles of track, and 1,000 tons of materials will be demolished by the L.M.S. Railway and the materials used elsewhere.

Altogether, these demolitions will save 2,000 tons of iron and steel, 5,000 tons of timber, and 5,000 tons of bricks.

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Coast Ban On Visitors Is Lifted

THE ban on visits to a large area of South-Eastern England, imposed on August 17, was lifted at midnight last night.

This concession, it is understood, applies only to visitors. The ban on persons taking up permanent residence in these areas remains.

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HER RUDE AWAKENING!

WIVES in Court Yesterday: I'd always looked forward to marriage as an awakening to a new world. But I had no idea what an awakening it would be.

I think it's a healthy sign when a wife sticks out to give more freedom for herself. Men have had the monopoly far too long.

I let my husband have all the freedom he wants—so long as he stays inquisitive. And THE HUSBANDS: She wants all my spare time and all my spare money.

My wife has a remarkable ability to scold if I've had a bit of luck and won the office sweep.

There's one unwritten text in our house: Proceed with caution—and I always do.

STUCK TO GUNS FOR 73 NIGHTS

THOUGH weary with the strain of constant action, London's A.C.K. defenders refused to be relieved and carried on at their posts during 73 successive nights of the blitz.

Some of these men were present yesterday when General Sir Frederick Phillips, Chief of the A.C. Command, paid this tribute to them at the Mansion House.

"They are worthy defenders of a great city," he said. "After they had been in action for three weeks, day and night, I felt very anxious because I had never seen men so tired."

General Phillips said that if it went on they must break. "I am sure that the men of the A.C. Command will be able to do this."

The men, however, wanted to stay, and though many new units came to London during the summer recess, Mr. Churchill, according to present arrangements, will open a big two-day course at the war.

He will give an account of his talks with President Roosevelt in the Commons and America and survey the whole field of operations.

He is assured of a great reception from all sides, although a good many questions are being put to the Government on such matters as the escape of Muslims.

Mr. Churchill will deal for the first time with the capitulation of Italy and subsequent events.

BOOKS 'TARGET' IS 100 MILLION

This year's target of fifty million books in the National Book Recovery and Salvage campaign has been reached. The Ministry of Supply announced yesterday.

Arrangements are being made immediately for the collection of a further fifty million, making a new target of one hundred million in all.

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● Speculators bought up houses all over the country; now they are selling out—and cashing in!

£1,600 For A £700 Home

LARGE-SCALE racketeering in houses is sending prices sky-high, and is causing much hardship to people who are being compelled to buy houses because they cannot rent them.

For the past two years, syndicates of speculators have been buying up large and small properties. Now that the shortage is at its worst, they are beginning to sell them at tremendous profits.

Houses which cost £700 in peace time are now being sold for £1,500 and £1,600. Cottages which used to be worth £250 are being sold for £600 and more.

Terrace houses which were obtainable at £400 before the war are now fetching £300. The ramp is to be brought to

the notice of Parliament when it resumes, and the Minister of Health is to be asked to stop profiteering in bricks and mortar just as it has been stopped in food and clothing.

Mr. Ernest Brown is to be asked to refer this matter to the Inter-Departmental Committee which is to consider profiteering in rents.

It will be told that among the people who are suffering are war workers who have had to leave their homes and seek work in other parts of the country.

They cannot sell their own houses, because they will have to go back to them when the war ends.

But they must have somewhere to live near their new work, and frequently they have to buy houses to get a roof over their heads.

At present, bricks and mortar are one of the few things in which profiteers have a free hand. Mr. Ernest Brown is to be asked to stop them from doing so.

They know it, and they are making the most of it.

Assault On W.A.A.F. Waitress Charge Against Pilot

Flying-Officer John Benner Nall was sent for trial at Cambridge yesterday, charged with the criminal offence of assaulting a W.A.A.F. pilot.

The 21-year-old pilot, who was at a dance at the aerodrome, was charged with the offence of assaulting a W.A.A.F. waitress.

He was giving her back to her quarters when he said, "I am one of the best of my type and you are one of the best of your type."

When Nall gave back to her quarters she was in a terrible condition. All this happened about 30 yards from the officers' mess.

Nall's father, a Manchester bank manager, sent word for his son, who pleaded not guilty.

GEORGE ROBEY—71

Mr. George Robey will celebrate his seventy-fourth birthday tomorrow at Portsmouth.

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FLEEING THROUGH JUNGLE

Fate of Routed Japs Is Sealed

FORCED to leave their stronghold in Lae, New Guinea, routed Japanese were yesterday fleeing through the jungle, hoping to find sanctuary in the 14,000-ft. mountain ridges that lie to the north.

But the hopes are vain. They are marked down for destruction by the pursuing British and American forces. The approaches to these mountain ridges are blocked and their doom is sealed.

The race to Lae by Gen. MacArthur's forces was won by air-sea forces, who landed in Markham Valley. They were two hours ahead.

So rapid, too, was the advance of the Australian infantry that their commander sent this classic signal:

"I am prevented from entering Lae by the Fifth American Air Force."

The town was still being bombed when the Australians were outside it.

Lae is a town situated by the sea, and was the base of the Japanese. Over 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped in August, says James Henry, Reuters's Special Correspondent with the Allied Army.

The forces that went in for the final assault were supported by 10,000 rounds of machine-gun fire.

One of the first officers to arrive saw scattered planes on the airfield and abandoned cars in the street. A few Japanese prisoners were walking back along the track to Nadzab.

The town, Allied soldiers standing still on the beach were throwing hand-grenades into the sea in an attempt to catch fish. Natives were burying Japanese dead.

The capture of Lae has driven a wedge into the Japanese front. Today they face the peril of the surrendering of the zone between Burma and Dutch New Guinea, and the stretch between New Britain and the Solomon Islands.

The estate, covering 6,240 acres, included two Georgian mansions, 14 farms and three farms. Devereux and his wife, the manor, realised £28,000.

Battles Gave Riches To Dukes

PURCHASES of State money and settled on the first Duke of Wellington in 1801, the Duke of Wellington's estate, which included the famous Reading and Basingstoke estates, was sold yesterday, for £197,527.

The estate, covering 6,240 acres, included two Georgian mansions, 14 farms and three farms. Devereux and his wife, the manor, realised £28,000.

Fireguard Duties Explained

OCCUPIERS of State premises will shortly be able to turn to the local authorities for explaining their principal obligations under the new Fireguard Orders.

The Ministry of Home Security and the Scottish Home Department have prepared a series of leaflets, each dealing with the duties of particular classes of persons.

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MAN SHOT DEAD: WIDOW ACCUSED

A FORTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD widow remanded at Birmingham yesterday was alleged to have shot a married man whose wife was in hospital.

She was Mrs. Dorothy Winkles, of Harrogate, Rd., Woolley, Cate, Birmingham, charged with murdering her husband, George Hill, 42, of the same name, who was living in the same road, by shooting him with a .22-calibre revolver.

According to Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, the accused made a statement to the police that included the following:—

"I met Leslie in Quarry-rd. at about 10.15 a.m. as he came from the garage. He started to laugh at me because I had been in the garage the week and he wanted to know what was the matter. He told me I was not to worry over my condition."

"I don't know what made me shoot him. I don't know how many times I fired the revolver."

He asked me to sit on the grass with him. When I refused he tried to take advantage of me. He got up and I shot him."

Mr. Pugh added that the dead man's wife had been in hospital on a number of occasions recently. She was in the hospital when Mrs. Winkles had acted as housekeeper.

42 YEARS IN MARINES

MAJ-GEN. Sir John Daniell, K.C.M.G., late the Royal Marine, who served in the First World War, was 42 years old when he joined the Marines in 1878 and became a major-general in 1924. He retired in 1930 after 42 years' service.

War-Time Gardening

IN many districts green vegetables are scarce, due partly to the dry summer and to attacks of pests. To give late crops a good start, use a dressing of sulphate of potash on green cabbages, a few days before they are ready to be planted.

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Mysterious Briton Now With Guerillas

'MAJOR JONES' CROAT REVOLT

CROATIA is awaiting only the signal from a British officer to rise against the Germans and their quislings, says Reuter's Continental observer. He is serving on the staff of the Croatian guerilla army. His name, according to the quisling paper "Nova Hrvatska," is "Major Jones."

Italian Who Wouldn't Give In!

From WILLIAM WILSON, B.U.P. Correspondent With the Eighth Army.

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We encountered him, and the men who fought with him, as the Eighth Army was driving north at top speed to join up with the Fifth.

Everybody knew of the armistice which had been proclaimed over the Allied and Italian Roms, and we found later that the Italian colonel had heard of it as well.

His men started to trickle away from him at dawn, soon as he made our first contact with his force, but he managed to keep enough men with him to go on fighting.

He had stationed machine-gun posts in the hills, which fought until they were knocked out as well.

When our vehicles crossed a bridge the colonel's men waited until they got to the other side and then opened up with mortars and guns, slowing our advance for a time. By this time we had made many prisoners.

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Out of the blistering heat—in more senses than one—are these Italian prisoners who came over to the Allied lines before the surrender of Italy.

Leader Explains HOW AND WHY DISCONTENT

CALL to the Government to reconsider the whole question of directing outside labour to the coal mines and the heavy fines for absenteeism was made yesterday by Mr. G. A. Spencer, president of the Notts Miners' Federated Union.

30 Enemy Vessels Damaged By Typhoons

THIRTY vessels were damaged in RAF attacks on enemy coastal shipping yesterday, stated the Air Ministry.

Five of the vessels were destroyed, three tugs, three coasters and two barges were left on fire and severely damaged, while three coasters, two tugs and 16 barges were damaged.

Berlin was again raided by Mosquitoes on Friday night, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Fighter Command Whirlwinds and Mosquitoes attacked enemy targets in Britain. Several locomotives were damaged.

None of our aircraft is missing. U.S. Marauders, covered by fighters, attacked the enemy airfield at Beauvais-Lille (Northern France) yesterday.

180 JAP WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK

Washington, Saturday.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Naval Committee, said today that 180 Japanese warships have been sunk in the Pacific date and "heavy losses" inflicted on Japanese supply and troop ships.

He added that the Allied sea powers are preventing the Japanese from supplying "beleaguered garrisons in sufficient quantity to permit a long resistance."

Italian Planes Are Coming In

PILOTS and air crews of the Italian air force are landing at North African and Sicilian aerodromes in a variety of places, cables Foreign News.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied H.Q. yesterday afternoon.

NEW DRIVES ON NAPLES

LT-Gen. Mark Clark in the big drive on Naples.

The Allied troops are getting elbow room in the Salerno area as seen in the announcement that fighter and fighter-bomber planes were now operating from airfields on the Italian mainland.

The bridgehead itself is rapidly dissolving into one solid front as the Germans flung their southern flank north to Central Italy to avoid being caught between the 5th and 8th Armies.

With the junction of the 8th and 5th Armies reported "firm" in Southern Italy, armour still pouring in, the military situation is rapidly developing in our favour.

The 5th Army has captured more positions and has occupied Rocca di Capua, junction of several main roads, 12 miles inland on the Allied right flank of the Salerno front.

“Am Sure You Recognise Me!”

MUSSOLINI, broadcasting over the German wireless network last night, began with this curious statement: "Blackshirts and Italians, after a long silence you again hear my voice, and I am sure you recognise it—the voice which called you in the most critical moments and celebrated with you the fateful days of our country."

"It took me some days to talk to you because I had to resume contact with the world after a period of isolation."

My conversation with the King at the Villa Savoia lasted 20 minutes—that man with whom it was impossible to reason he had already taken his decisions.

"It has already happened in war and peace that a minister has resigned. But it is a unique fact for a man who for 21 years ruled a country to be put in a Red Cross ambulance and driven away to the Carabini barracks."

When taken from Rome I was taken to Ponza and from Ponza to Maddalena and from Maddalena to Gran Sasso. I had the impression I was going to be handed over to the British. But I knew that Hitler was taking care of me.

HITLER'S GIFT

"Goering had sent me a cordial telegram and Hitler a simple letter of greeting. I knew of the armistice and I had no doubt what was involved in Article 12."

[Article 12 of the armistice terms states: "The political, economic and financial situation of Italy will be subject to comply with what is transmitted at a later date.")]

In the meantime a telegram reached me assuring me of his Hitler's fraternal comradeship.

An important official, the Prefect—came to me and said, "You have a visitor."

"On the night of September 11-12, however, I knew that the enemy would never get me into their clutches."

Mussolini then describes his liberation in detail.

"The guards who guarded me didn't fire a shot," he concluded, and went on.

Here ends the chapter of my personal drama, but it is a small episode in the face of the terrific tragedy of the whole Italian people. The Government has landed the whole nation.

Many Italians, even Fascists, never believed that the Badoglio Government had such a sinister programme. Yesterday's news showed that all steps were being taken to destroy 20 years' work.

Today, in face of ruins and war in our territory, some are falsifying the past. These are the same who always started to sabotage the work of their own Government.

BLAMING THE KING

"The King must be held responsible and guilty for the whole tragedy. It is the King of Savoy has always been the centre of defeatism and anti-German intrigues while Umberto, who was C-in-C in the southern sector, never appeared on the battlefield."

I am perfectly convinced that the House of Savoy prepared and organised the coup d'état in its smallest details with the complicity of the King and his generals.

"It is the dynasty which precipitated the collapse of the regime which saved it 20 years' work."

"As for the armistice conditions supposed to be generous, they were not."

RAISE THE STANDARD OF WAR SAVINGS

Issued by the National Savings Committee

War Savings Groups throughout the country are setting out to achieve the following standards:

In Plans of Employment savings to be at least 1% in the £ of total wages paid, or alternatively at least 7½% of the salaries in the members of their Savings Group. In Stores Groups three out of every four houses to have at least one member saving regularly in the National Savings Group.

Those were black days... proud ships lost... Hood... Repulse... Prince of Wales... an armed pushback... an air force fighting for its existence... and for ours... Then we bailed... stood firm... hit back... giving blow for blow... and better... Now the tide has turned... We attack... with the vigour of a victor... ever fiercer... ever later... Support our fighting men... Look right to their backs... with your savings... You've already cut your spending... now cut it to the bone... and "Raise the Standard" of your savings... VICTORY.

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